

# Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board May 5, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 4 p.m. on May 5, 2011, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present: City Staff Present:

Bob McKinley, Chair Dr. Amy Douglass, Administrator - Tempe History Museum

Julie Syrmopoulos, Vice Chair Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services

Anne Chandler

Betty Enz <u>Guest(s) Present:</u>

Mark Hubble None Angela Lopez

Angela Lopez
Shirley McKean
Gerald Woodward

### (MEMBERS) Absent:

None

Meeting convened at 4 p.m.

Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

### Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the April 7, 2011, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Betty Enz moved to approve the April 7, 2011, Tempe Historical

**Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.** 

SECOND: Shirley McKean seconded.

DECISION: April 7, 2011, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes approved.

### Agenda Item 2: Report - Communications

No report.

# **Agenda Item 3: Petroglyph Conservation Project**

Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reminded the Tempe
Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that there are over 500
Hohokam petroglyphs inscribed into Hayden Butte. Douglass explained that she worked
with J. Claire Dean, an internationally-recognized rock art conservator, to survey,

- monitor, treat, remove and reduce graffiti and the over-painting of petroglyphs at Hayden Butte.
- Dr. Douglass facilitated an electronic presentation depicting the restoration and conservation work of J. Claire Dean as it relates to the existing condition of the Hayden Butte Petroglyphs (Petroglyphs); Dr. Douglass further explained that grant funds from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community have been used to off-set the total cost of the restoration and conservation of the Petroglyphs.
- Dr. Douglass acknowledged the following petroglyph images at Hayden Butte:
  - Concentric circles;
  - Wavy, meandering lines;
  - Anamorphic forms;
  - Footprints.
- Dr. Douglass affirmed that as a result of the restoration and conservation work of herself and J. Claire Dean, the Hayden Butte Petroglyphs continue to be appreciated by all who view them alongside the trail on the south side of Hayden Butte Preserve, also known as Tempe Butte or 'A' Mountain.
- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, thanked Dr. Douglass for her presentation.

# Agenda Item 4: Report - Arizona Centennial Planning

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation, in conjunction with a City of Tempe (City) staff member committee, intends to guide Tempe through its participation in Arizona's Centennial (Centennial) programming and events.
- Dr. Douglass reported that she recently attended a City staff member committee meeting to discuss Tempe-specific Arizona Centennial-celebrating programming and events.
   Douglass explained that the goal of the City committee is to promote Tempe through Arizona's Centennial Celebration.
- Dr. Douglass noted the following Tempe-specific Arizona Centennial-celebrating programming and events:
  - Tempe Fourth of July Celebration;
  - Tempe Tardeada;
  - 'Night to Preserve' Fundraiser;
  - Veterans Day Memorial Celebration;
  - 'Tales from Double Butte' Fundraiser:
  - Eisendrath House Dedication;
  - Revival of Downtown Tempe Community (DTC) Guided Tours:
  - Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Night;
  - Tempe Festival of the Arts (Spring Festival);
  - Tempe Channel 11 Promotional Package (Produced by the City of Tempe Community Relations Department);
  - Acknowledgement of the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability Amenities (Papago Park, the Sandra Day O'Connor House, the Arizona Historical Museum);
  - Papago Park Signage Plan.

 Dr. Douglass further encouraged the Museum Board members to contact her if they'd like to serve as volunteers for Tempe-based Arizona Centennial-celebrating programming and events.

# Agenda Item 5A: Report - Double Butte Cemetery Event Committee

No report.

# Agenda Item 5B: Report - Public Programs

- Shirley McKean, Public Programs Representative, acknowledged that the Tempe History Museum (Museum) played host to the following program in April, 2011:
  - Third Thirstday Night Café Book-Signing and Discussion of Dean Smith's Book Titled, "Arizona Nuggets," a Collection of Nearly 100 Stories About Arizona's Colorful Past (April 21, Museum Community Room).
- S. McKean further acknowledged that the Tempe History Museum (Museum) is playing host to the following presentation in May, 2011:
  - Presentation About Youth Homelessness by Q Speak Theatre (1 p.m., May 14, Museum Community Room).
- S. McKean reported that the Public Programs Committee (Committee) has renewed its
  discussion in regards to the Museum playing host to a water-based film series. McKean
  stated that in addition to showcasing several documentaries, the Committee would like
  the series to include live presentations.
- S. McKean further reported that the Committee discussed programming ideas in conjunction with *The Finley Boys* Exhibit; S. McKean noted the following programming ideas proposed by the Committee members:
  - Cowboy Art Exhibitions:
  - Chicken Scratch Bands.

# Agenda Item 5C: Report - Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Committee

- Anne Chandler, Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Committee Representative, stated that she did not receive a report from Josh Roffler, Curator of Collections at the Tempe History Museum, specific to deposits, acquisitions and loans in April, 2011.
- In lieu of an April, 2011, report, A. Chandler reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that the Tempe History Museum (Museum) received 17 current, provisional deposits in March, 2011. Chandler further noted that there were 16 acquisitions and two (2) loans.
- A. Chandler acknowledged the following provisional deposits:
  - Tempe Sports Items donated by Harry Mitchell;
  - Tempe Guest Book and Diplomas donated by the Arizona Historical Foundation;
  - Bible from the *Petersen House* donated by Bob Hodges;
  - Roosevelt Dam Centennial Items donated by Dr. Amy Douglass.
- A. Chandler reported the following acquisitions:
  - Records from *Montis La Casa Vieja Restaurant* donated by the Arizona Historical Foundation:
  - Tempeco Produce Cart donated by Nancy Parlova;
  - Petersen House Furnishings donated by Donna Welch Guelich:
  - Washing Machine and Photos donated by Judy Reiner;

- Frank Kush Whiskey Bottle donated by Jeff Pinney;
- Jan Young Book donated by Janella Fulmer;
- Jan Young Camera and Two (2) Prints donated by Frederick P. Mangogna;
- Photographs of Tempe Scenes and Jan Young donated by Dick George;
- Horseshoes from Downtown Tempe donated by Stu Siefer;
- Mill Avenue Architecture Class Project donated by Mary Gavigan;
- Hayden Flour Sack donated by Lana Huggo;
- Toys used in Tempe during the 1950s donated by Mark Miller.
- A. Chandler described the following loans:
  - (Incoming Loan No. JS032311) Canteen and Army Cup for *Surviving in the Desert* Display;
  - (Outgoing Loan No. TFD032511) Firefighting Items Installed in Tempe Fire Department's Support Center.
- A. Chandler further noted the following:
  - All paintings borrowed for the *Tom Harter: Picturing Change in Tempe* exhibit have been returned to their owners;
  - Collections Area staff and volunteers have installed a display of firefighting artifacts in the new Tempe Fire Department Support Facility;
  - Collections Area staff and volunteers continue to catalog and scan the *Jan Young Photograph Collection*.
- A. Chandler stated that she enjoys serving as a member of the Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Committee (Committee); A. Chandler encouraged the Museum Board members to join the Committee and said that she appreciates being able to participate in discussions related to the assessment of incoming donations and their ability to best meet the focus of the Tempe History Museum.

### Agenda Item 5D: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission

No report.

### Agenda Item 5E: Report - Tempe Historical Society

- Betty Enz, Tempe Historical Society member, reminded the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) members that she attended a City of Tempe Boards and Commissions recognition reception, as well as the dedication ceremony of the Sandra Day O'Connor House on March 8 on the grounds of the Arizona Historical Museum and Sandra Day O'Connor House. Enz stated that the reception was wellattended, and that the dedication ceremony did feature a guest appearance by the honorable Sandra Day O'Connor.
- B. Enz noted that the Tempe History Museum, in conjunction with the Tempe Historical Society, played host to *The Finley Boys* BBQ on March 4. Enz acknowledged that approximately 100 people attended the BBQ.
- B. Enz further reported that the Tempe History Museum played host to a lunch talk event sponsored by the Tempe Historical Society on March 9 within the Museum's Community Room. Enz stated that she attended and enjoyed the event, and explained that Adair Landborn discussed the cultural practices of Flamenco dance and Spanish bullfighting.

- B. Enz praised Peggy Moroney for her St. Patrick's Day storytelling efforts on March 17 at the Tempe History Museum. Enz reported that P. Moroney was able to engage audiences of all ages.
- B. Enz reported that she attended a Third Thirstday Night Café book-signing and discussion of Judy Moreillon's book titled, "Sing Down the Rain," a collection of cultural and spiritual traditions of the Tohono O'odham on March 17.
- B. Enz announced that the Tempe History Museum will play host to the Tempe Historical Society's annual luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on May 7 within the Tempe History Museum's Community Room. Enz acknowledged that the keynote speaker at the luncheon is Harry Mitchell, former United States Representative.

# Agenda Item 5F: Report - Diversity Awareness Committee

- Julie Syrmopoulos, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Vice Chair and Diversity Awareness Committee Representative, reported the death of Edward Smith, former Chair of the Tempe History Museum's African-American Advisory Group.
- J. Syrmopoulos praised and acknowledged E. Smith for his efforts to create, Chair and generate membership of an organization (Tempe History Museum's African-American Advisory Group) that has been able to successfully chronicle the history of Blacks in Tempe from the 1950s to the present.
- J. Syrmopoulos stated that E. Smith will be missed, and said that because of E. Smith's leadership and many efforts, there is no longer a gap in Tempe's African-American history.
- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that the Tempe History Museum played host to a celebration of life in honor of E. Smith on April 30, 2011.

### Agenda Item 5G: Report - Oral History Committee

- Bob McKinley, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair and Oral History Committee Chair, reported that the Oral History Committee met in April, 2011; B. McKinley further reported that Susan Jensen, Oral History Program Volunteer, continues to complete pending transcriptions. McKinley stated that S. Jensen has completed four (4) transcriptions.
- B. McKinley announced that Jared Smith, Curator of History at the Tempe History
  Museum, worked with the City of Tempe Purchasing Department to procure two (2) new
  Dictaphone transcription machines for the Oral History Program.
- B. McKinley acknowledged that Jacqueline Butler-Diaz, Oral History Program Volunteer, interviewed architect Jason Eslamieh in Feb., 2010; B. McKinley praised J. Butler-Diaz for her efforts and said that J. Butler-Diaz's report is a detailed log that will be processed and cataloged.
- B. McKinley reminded the Museum Board members that three (3) volunteer oral historians are currently active within the Oral History Program; B. McKinley acknowledged the following program membership:
  - Lorraine Calbow;
  - Peggy Moroney;
  - Bob McKinley.

- B. McKinley announced that Sarah Moorhead, former President of the Southwest Oral History Association, audited the Tempe History Museum's Oral History Program on April 25. McKinley reported that S. Moorhead was impressed by the structure and organization of the Museum's Oral History Program (Program), and worked with Jared Smith to strengthen the Program's existing procedures. McKinley added that S. Moorhead expressed her interest to serve as an assistant to J. Smith at an upcoming training session for new volunteer oral historians at a date to be determined.
- B. McKinley acknowledged that the Oral History Program (Program) continues to receive nominations for potential interviewees; B. McKinley stated that the Program received two nomination forms in April, 2011.

# <u>Agenda Item 6 - Board Member Announcements</u>

No announcements.

# Agenda Item 7 - Future Agenda Items

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, suggested that the following item be placed on a future board agenda for consideration:
  - Public Programs Attendance Report.

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on June 2 within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

## Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator

Bob McKinley, Chair Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board